

Concluding Remarks by the President.

President—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council,

Before I reply to the speech which Mr. Krishna Menon has so kindly made I must apologise to the House for my absence from its deliberations during this meeting. That answer was occasioned by very urgent work elsewhere. I have, however, had the satisfaction of knowing that the two Hon'ble Members who presided over its deliberations in my absence did so with distinction and in accordance with its best traditions.

I come to the speech which Mr. Krishna Menon has so kindly made. I can assure you that I greatly appreciate that speech.

It has always been my endeavour in the occupation of the Chair to uphold the dignity of the House; and I must acknowledge with gratitude the willing co-operation and support that I have received from Hon'ble Members of all sections of the House in the pursuit of that endeavour. I must in particular acknowledge the valuable assistance and support which I have always received from the Hon'ble Deputy President and the members of the Panel of Chairmen.

The Council of this State performs very valuable functions in the administration, and I feel confident that His Highness the Maharaja who has already conferred such valued and valuable privileges on the Council will extend them as time goes on.

I thank you once more for the reference which you have so kindly made this morning and I can assure you that wherever I am in future I shall always follow the deliberations of this Council with the greatest interest and respect.

I now dissolve this Council.

The Council was dissolved at 2 P. M.

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Council.